

**CC/CPC Workshop #2 – Minutes**  
**February 24, 2004**  
**3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Mayor's Ceremonial Room**

Mayor Ron Loveridge made some introductory remarks and turned the program over to Ken Gutierrez, City Planning Director.

Ken Gutierrez made an introductory presentation covering three main points:

1. SCAG projects 80,000 more people to come into our City by 2030. Regardless of whether they all come the City must plan for them. This new General Plan accommodates this increase by increasing density along the City's spine, Magnolia Avenue.
2. This General Plan is a “big picture look” at the City. The review process is not intended to involve looking at individual parcels. Rather, the focus will be on “Bold Moves”, including those presented at this workshop.
3. The General Plan Program schedule includes three workshops and this is the second of these workshops. The third workshop will be March 23, 2004 at the same time. If this group wants more detail than reviewed today on the General Plan portion of the program, the team can provide it to you. However, additional workshops will mean more time and money than what is currently planned under the contract.

Mr. Gutierrez then introduce the planning and consultant staff working on the program and turned the presentation over to John Bridges, AICP from Cotton/Bridges/Associates (CBA).

Mr. Bridges gave an overview of the Program components as outlined in the Powerpoint presentation. He also went over the process that has taken place over the last ten months. He then turned the program over to Laura Stetson, AICP with CBA.

Ms. Stetson presented the “Bold Moves” section of the presentation. While discussing the Air Quality Element, Harry Kurani of the City Planning Commission (CPC), asked what about the geographical situation of the air quality effects of surrounding cities? Ms. Stetson indicated that the element only addresses what the City can do at a local level, but it will have policies supporting the efforts of other agencies like SCAQMD.

While discussing the Mixed Use Village concept, David Leonard of the CPC clarified that horizontal mixed uses are also permitted under this category. Ms. Stetson agreed. Mr. Kurani asked what area around Kaiser was proposed for the Mixed Use Village category. Ms. Stetson indicated all of the area around Kaiser, and stated that it will be more clear in the packets of the 28 sites being handed out at the end of the session. Nancy Hart, of the City Council (CC), noted a site close to Polk Street where a two-story development is proposed. Mr. Gutierrez indicated that he had talked to this

developer, and has asked for something more in the line of what this land use category is recommending. Mr. Leonard mentioned that other programs (e.g., the project at Monroe/California) are in the works, and questioned what is the team doing to vis a vis consistency. Ed Adkison, of the CC, indicated that it is a moving target. Mr. Gutierrez agreed and indicated that the City is not stopping development while the team completes this program and instead is advising developers about the General Plan Program as they come in to meet with staff. Ms. Stetson finished her presentation and turned the program over to Larry Morrison, AICP.

Mr. Morrison presented the “Riverside Park” concept. He asked the group to visualize this concept through their mind's eye. Mr. Adkison asked what part the Gage Canal played in this process. He stated that the City is in negotiations to use the canal as a multi-purpose trail. Rita Norton, of the CPC, asked if the team is going to incorporate the results of the Santa Ana Task Force Group. Mr. Morrison indicated that they will look at these recommendations. Mr. Kurani asked why Arlington Avenue is not considered as one of the parkways. Mr. Morrison said he would get together with Mr. Gutierrez to consider this idea. Mr. Morrison then turned the program over to Gary Hamrick of MMA, the City’s traffic consultant.

Mr. Hamrick presented the Circulation Element portion of the presentation. He emphasized the importance of building out the adopted circulation element. The model runs assume this build out (i.e., Overlook connection, Alessandro at six-lanes, etc.). Frank Schiavone, of the CC, asked if the Daily Traffic Volumes exhibit was created from counting cars. Did the study identify where these cars are coming from? Mr. Hamrick indicated that this exhibit was created by just counting cars, trucks, buses, etc. But the model does consider regional traffic. Mr. Adkison asked if the team has a map of the Circulation Element proposed. Mr. Hamrick indicated that the team is not that far in the process. Mr. Adkison then asked, if the team considered mass transit and would Mr. Hamrick be talking about it today. Mr. Hamrick indicated that the team did take this under consideration and he would be talking about it later in the presentation. Mr. Adkison then asked Mr. Hamrick to explain LOS A thru F for the rest of the group. Mr. Hamrick did so.

Steve Adams, of the CC, asked if the team identified where the regional traffic impacts occur. Mr. Hamrick indicated that the model does show us this and he would be getting to that idea later in the presentation.

Stan Brown, CPC alternate, asked Mr. Hamrick to publicly state that the team has taken the WAC (Washington/Alessandro Committee) recommendations into consideration as part of this process. Mr. Hamrick went on record saying that team did take the WAC recommendations into detailed consideration.

Mr. Adams asked if the team has looked at a beltway alternative. Mr. Brown indicated that the Cajalco corridor provides the beltway alternative.

Mr. Brown said, assuming Overlook Parkway is connected, what would happen if you use Washington instead of Madison? Mr. Hamrick indicated that could be looked at.

Mayor Loveridge asked where the recommendations for the model runs came from. Mr. Hamrick responded they came from meetings with staff, consultants and the CAC.

Mr. Schiavone said the team needs to consider Proposition R in this process. He does not think the City can connect Overlook to Madison without violating Proposition R. He also indicated that he has a traffic report from 12 years ago that he would share which shows that no matter what street you use, traffic on Alessandro remains the same. Mr. Hamrick indicated that what was being presented was raw data and Proposition R would be considered. He also indicated that he was not surprised by the report, as Alessandro carries a great deal of traffic.

Mr. Adams asked if the team has looked at Alessandro/Van Buren and the possibility of these roads going to toll roads. Ms. Hart raised a question as to whether reversible lanes would work, with three lanes accommodating peak traffic flow and one lane against traffic flow. Mr. Hamrick indicated that these alternatives could be looked into, although volumes and functions of roadways may not support the reversible lane concept, which is costly.

Mayor Loveridge noted that a City cannot install toll roads due to legal implications.

Mr. Adkison further noted that TUMF fees will help to mitigate some of the regional traffic impacts. He also stated that in the Washington/Greenbelt area there needs to be a way to get to the freeway. He believes that this can be done in a way to respect Proposition R by creating a design that avoids cut-through traffic. Mr. Adkison said that City also needs to look at some other alternative like a light rail system or monorail from the La Sierra station to the mall, the airport and the Downtown station.

Mr. Gutierrez gave a quick wrap-up and reminded everyone that if they wanted more time on the General Plan they could request additional workshops. Mr. Leonard recommended that the team support getting letters in advance from the public on their concerns. This way they can be addressed by staff in the staff report before the plan goes to hearing.

John Bridges concluded the presentation with a reminder about the March 23 workshop on the zoning ordinance and general schedule for the rest of the General Plan program.

Bill Densmore, of the CPC, asked if the plan could include strong policy statements supporting funding for Caltrans projects. Mr. Bridges indicated that this was very important and should be part of the implementation plan.

David Agnew, of the CPC, asked if the plan was going to have a policy supporting innovative mixed use throughout the City's neighborhoods. Ms. Stetson indicated that the 28 sites looked at by the CAC pretty much do this.

Mr. Kurani asked about Van Buren as an entry point into the City. Ms. Stetson indicated that the Urban Design Component of the plan does consider this an entry point.

The meeting concluded at 4:48 p.m.